

REMARKS

This responds to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005, and the references cited therewith.

Claim 34 is amended and claim 35 is cancelled. Claims 1-34 and 36 are pending in this application.

Applicant notes that claims 1-33 were not discussed in the Office Action dated August 10, 2005. However, per a phone call from Applicant's representative, Peter Maki, to Examiner Shaw on December 8, 2005, it is believed pending claims 1-33 remain allowable.

§102 Rejection of the Claims

Claims 34 and 36 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) for anticipation by Sharples (U.S. Patent No. D. 343,698). Claim 34 has been amended to include the subject matter of allowable claim 35. Amended claim 34 is supported, *inter alia*, by col. 4, lines 13-39 of the specification. The claims are supported by the specification as filed and no new matter is added. Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claim 35 was objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but was indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. As noted, claim 34 was amended to include the subject matter of claim 35.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance, and notification to that effect is earnestly requested. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicant's attorney at (612) 359-3267 to facilitate prosecution of this application.

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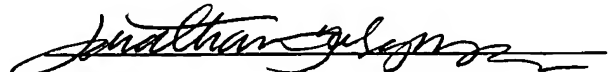
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